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Development of Tourist Infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh

2678. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to develop tourist infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh to attract domestic and foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, the: number of foreign as well as domestic tourist who arrived in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development of tourist infrastructure is primarily undertaken by State Govemment/U.T. Administrations. Department of tourism, Government of India, however provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. Last year 17 projects with Central component of Rs. 691.79 lakhs were sanctioned far Himachal Pradesh

(b) Details of estimated foreign and domestic tourist arrivals in Himachal Pradesh from 1997 to 1999 are as under:

Year	Foreign Tourists	Domestic Tourists
1997	62,527	3830,420
1998	75,206	41,80366
1999	91,445	43,52863

Development of tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh

2679. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme to promote and develop tourism sector in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Department ofTourism has a scheme to provide Central financial assistance to the State Govemments/UT Administrations every year for development and promotion of tourism.

(b) In consultation with the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh 20 projects amounting to Rs. 2.97 crores during 2000-2001 have been prioritised for construction of Wayside Amenities, Budget Accommodation, Adventure Sports, Fairs and Festivals etc.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Yatri Niwases at tourists sports in Maharashtra

2680. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct Yatri Niwases at tourist spots in Maharashtra to attract middle class tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the budget allocations proposed therefor, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development and promotion of tourist spots/places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Department of Tourism, Government of India provides Central financial assistance to the State Govemments/UTs for projects prioritised every year in consultation with them.

The Central Department of Tourism has approved two schemes for construction of Yatri Niwases at Jyotiba, District Kolhapur and at Nanded during the year 1999-2000 to *inter-alia* attract middle class tourists.

(b) Rs. 48.77 lakhs have been sanctioned for construction ofYatri Niwas at Nanded and Rs. 48.39 have been sanctioned for Yatri Niwas at Jyotiba as Central financial assistance.

(c) Does not arise.